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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing product comprising:

a breathable top sheet; and

a water-absorbing component comprising a plurality of synthetic nonwoven fabric layers, each of the fabric layers comprising fibers having a fineness in the range of 0.01 dtex to 2 dtex;

wherein the body fluid absorbing product is washable and reusable and at least one of the synthetic nonwoven fabric layers comprises a bi-component fiber, elements of the bi-component fiber having been disintegrated by water jet treatment.

2 - 34. (canceled)

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